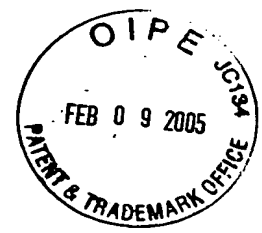


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2003/008821		U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">10/524453</div>
INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 08 August 2003 (8.08.2003)		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 09 August 2002 (9.08.2002)
TITLE OF INVENTION STAPLE FOR THE SUTURE OF THE STERNUM		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US PURICELLI, Cesare, et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: 		



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